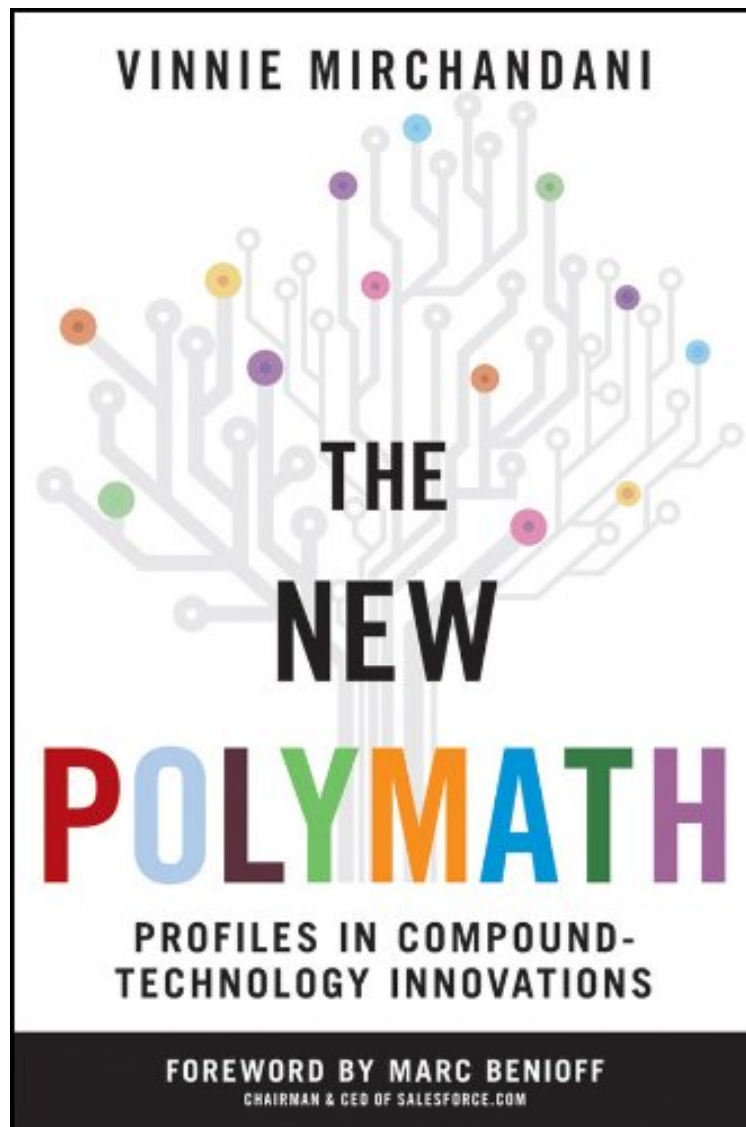


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Vinnie Mirchandani : The New Polymath: Profiles in Compound-Technology Innovations (Wiley Professional Advisory Services) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Polymath: Profiles in Compound-Technology Innovations (Wiley Professional Advisory Services):

18 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Interesting collection of blogs posts By Mike I was very interested in the topic and about polymaths in history and some that I have known, so it was with great anticipation that I bought

the book. The book seems to be a collection of blog posts by the author, which leads to a book that is hard to track. He has a thesis, but the book is not organized in a way that it flows to support the thesis. It is agony to read. I read a few pages of interesting factoids, then pause to think, why is he saying that or what is the point. The general flow is: fact, unrelated tidbit, something innovative, implying that the subject, usually a company, is a polymath. Rinse and repeat. He overuses the word polymath so much that it's grating. I disagree with the concept that a company can be a polymath just because they can be good at several things. There are lots of quite interesting factoids and blogs in the book, lots of descriptions of companies that are innovative (with no point), but it seriously needs a real editor to try to make it readable.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Book
By Customer
Mirchandani is a visionary and this book puts on a paper what's expected from the new inventors and professionals in this new era of knowledge and technology

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Book about why industries get disrupted
By Patelli
T Paschal
Not only did this book outlay how industries get disrupted by technologies but, why they get disrupted and by the type of industry player that embraces innovation and change. No longer should the public expect the same organizations to do the same things that got them on top and rest the way IBM did and got out pivoted. The next phase in the evolution of organizations act on using multiple fields of vision to succeed! Great Book!

Prepare for a world of compound innovation which blends 3, 5, 10 strands of infotech, greentech, biotech and healthtech to solve the "Grand Challenges" our world faces-and the more routine ones
Polymath is the Greek word for a Renaissance person like Leonardo Da Vinci or Ben Franklin who excels in many disciplines. The New Polymath is an enterprise which has learned to amalgamate 3, 5, 10 strands of technology-infotech, cleantech, healthtech, nanotech, biotech-to create compound new products and to innovate internal processes. Anchors around case studies on innovations and creative processes at 8 New Polymath enterprises - BP, Cognizant, GE, Kleiner Perkins, National Hurricane Center, Plantronics, salesforce.com, WRHambrecht+Co
Details eleven building blocks these Polymaths are utilizing - from cloud computing to sustainability to social networks
Calatogs over 100 mini case studies of other innovators who are defining state-of-the-art in those eleven building block areas
The New Polymath brims with innovation examples from a variety of industries, countries and business processes.

From the Inside Flap
A Polymath
the Greek word for Renaissance Man
is one who excels in many disciplines. From Leonardo da Vinci to Benjamin Franklin, we have relied on Polymaths to innovate and find creative solutions to the problems of the day. How would these Renaissance men and women manage our current technology bounty? Which disciplines would they choose to focus on? Would they work on the architecture of next-generation green cities, or focus on nanotechnology? As our challenges have grown exponentially we need to bring together da Vinci, Franklin, and many more. The New Polymath is an enterprise that excels in multiple technologies;infotech, cleantech, healthtech, and other tech;and leverages multiple talent pools to create new medicine, new energy, and new algorithms. Author Vinnie Mirchandani shares his varied experience as a technology adviser and market watcher to explain in business language the diversity of today's technology palette and to profile a wide range of innovations at: Large multinationals such as GE and BP
Fast-growing, mid-sized companies like Cognizant and salesforce.com
The cleantech industry in China, farms in Ireland, and the back roads of Rwanda
This book categorizes eleven "building blocks" for the New Polymath to leverage in its R-E-N-A-I-S-S-A-N-C-E framework, including next-generation analytics, cloud computing, sustainability, and social networks. The author profiles over a hundred innovators and demonstrates how they use these building blocks to solve both their individual day-to-day issues and the "Grand Challenges" the world faces. Brimming with examples from a variety of industries, countries, and business processes, the book will inspire you to groom your own New Polymath tools, processes, and ecosystem of innovation ideas.

From the Back Cover
More about The New Polymath
"Mirchandani describes a future of possibilities; - "fortunate accidents of innovation" - enabled by the convergence of technologies with a dose of ideas from "left field". As the founder of Rural Sourcing, we believed in the untapped potential of our young people in Rural America. The possibilities are limitless when there are no geographic boundaries to our workforce and we can truly move the work to the worker rather than the worker to the work." --Kathy Brittain-White, Former EVP and CIO, Cardinal Health; Founder, Rural Sourcing, Inc.
"Every 10-15 years the technology industry reinvents itself, taking all the achievements and knowledge from the prior generation and turning them into a platform for new innovation. That regular cycle of rebirth has transformed the way we work, live and play - around the world. Mirchandani has done a fabulous job shining a light on examples of people and organizations that take what exists around us and turn it into what is possible. These are the innovators that inspire us." --Dave Duffield, co-CEO and Chief Customer Advocate, Workday; former Chairman and CEO, PeopleSoft, Inc.
"Mirchandani is one of the few technology analysts to realize that technology doesn't come in neat bundles anymore, if it ever did. His stories and lessons cut across infotech, biotech, greentech, and mathtech. If you want to be a Polymath innovator, this is your bible!" -- Thomas H. Davenport, President's Distinguished Professor of IT and Management, Babson College; coauthor of Analytics at Work: Smarter Decisions, Better Results
"In today's world, innovation distinguishes great companies from good ones. Mirchandani highlights the importance of technology in such innovation and, specific to IT, counsels

about being a full partner of the business and being open to the best ideas from other industries and geographies. The book is full of examples on how to accomplish this and should be required reading for all IT professionals and students." --Caroline Watteuw, Global CTO and SVP, Business Information Solutions, PepsiCo, Inc.

About the Author Vinnie Mirchandani, who goes by the moniker of "Deal Architect," coaches enterprises on how to exploit disruptive technology trends. His firm has been recognized in *The Black Book of Outsourcing* as a top advisory boutique. He is also a prolific blogger, writing about technology-enabled innovation on his "New Florence, New Renaissance" blog and about waste in technology on his "Deal Architect" blog. Earlier in his career, he was a respected analyst at Gartner, the technology research firm, and handled numerous international assignments at PwC Consulting. He has keynoted at many business and technology conferences and has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *BusinessWeek*, *The Financial Times*, *CIO Magazine*, and other executive and technology publications.